agreement are being worked out in the JWG and the India-China Expert Group. The situation in the India-China border areas is peaceful.

The improvement of bilateral relations between India and China has been the result of joint efforts by both governments.

विदेशी विश्व विद्यालयों में हिन्दी पाठ्यक्रम

2466. **श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह:** क्या विदेश मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) विदेशों में कितने विश्वविद्यालयों में हिन्दी पढ़ाई जा रही है; और

(ख) भारत सरकार द्वारा इस प्रयोजनार्थ किन-किन देशों में हिन्दी शिक्षकों की नियुक्ति की गई है?

विदेश मंत्री (श्री प्रणव मुखर्जी): (क) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और सदन के पटल पर रख दी जाएगी।

(ख) जिन देशों में भारत सरकार द्वारा हिन्दी पढ़ाने के लिए प्रोफेसर/अधिवक्ता नियुक्त किए गए हैं उनके नाम नीचे दिए अनुसार हैं:—

1. बेल्जियम
2. बुल्गारिया
3. चीन
4. फिनलैन्ड
5. हंगरी
6. कोरिया गणराज्य
7. पोलैन्ड
8. रूस
9. सूरीनाम
10. त्रिनिडाड
11. तुर्की

Indo-Sri Lankan Talks on Bilateral Relations

2467. SHRI VIDUTHALAI VIRUMBI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of India had held talks on bilateral relations with the Government of Sri Lanka, recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government had also discussed the issue of continuous killing of Indian fishermen from Tamil Nadu by the Sri Lankan Navy; and

(d) if so, what is the outcome of the discussions?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) and (b) Yes Sir, the Government of India has held talks on bilateral relations with the Government of Sri Lanka recently, during the visit of the Sri Lankan President, Mrs. Chandrika Bandaranaike Kumaratunga, to India from March 25—28, 1995. The talks covered areas of mutual interest and focused on promotion of bilateral relations including economic and commercial relations between the two countries.

(c) and (d) Yes Sir, the Government of India has discussed this issue. The two sides were of the view that this issue needs to be tackled in a humane manner and agreed on the need for an effective mechanism for resolving problems of Indian fishermen. It was agreed that further consultations between the two Governments on the problems of fishermen will be held shortly.

Documentary on Terrorism Telecast by the U.S. Media

2468. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the reports indicating telecast of a 30-minute television documentary, entitled "Terror Incorporated", on the 4th March, 1995 by the Public Broadcasting System of the United States of America;

(b) whether this documentary reveals the details as to how Pakistan Government supports terrorism in Kashmir, in the rest of India and in many parts of the world;

(c) whether the said documentary also incorporates interviews of the U.S. Secretary of State and Prime Minister of Pakistan—occupied Kashmir, proving the point that terrorism and subversion have become important components of Pakistan's regional strategy;

(d) whether Government propose to procure the said television documentary, to place the same in International fora to get Pakistan declared a terrorist State; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHID): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) According to media reports the documentary reveals the details as to how Pakistan Government supports terrorism in Kashmir, in the rest of India and in many parts of the world. The reports also indicate that the documentary contains interviews with the former US Secretary of State, Mr. James Baker and the so-called Prime Minister of Pakistan Occupied Kashmir and aims to project that terrorism and subversion have become important components of Pakistan's regional strategy.

(d) and (e) Government have initiated steps to procure a copy of the documentary. However, there is, as yet, no provision in international law to declare any specific country a 'State Sponsor of Terrorism' or a Terrorist State.

Visit of a Russian Leader to India

2469. SHRI HIPHEI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Russian leader visited India in the recent past;

(b) if so, the details thereof, with the objectives of the visit;

(c) whether some discussions on certain topics were held with the visiting dignitary;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the follow-up action to be taken in this regard;

(e) whether the country has been benefited with this visit, in any way; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) and (b) The leader of the Liberal Democratic Party of Russia, Mr. Vladimir Zhirinovsky, had led a delegation of his party on a visit to India from 5 to 8 March, 1995. The visit took place at his initiative and was hosted by the Indian Council for Cultural Relations. Mr. Zhirinovsky and his delegation called on the Hon'ble Speaker of the Lok Sabha, and had a meeting with the Standing Committee on External Affairs. They also met the Ministers of State in the Ministry of External Affairs.

(c) and (d) There was no official agenda for the visit. As the elected leader of one of the largest parties in the State Duma (Lower House) of the Russian Parliament, Mr. Zhirinovsky exchanged views on Indo-Russian Relations and other matters. During the discussions, both sides underlined that the tradition of warm friendship and close cooperation between India and Russia is in the national interests of both countries and contributes to peace and stability in the region and the world as also their desire to consolidate and strengthen these